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**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**  
ET Docket No. 95-18; IB Docket 01-185; ET Docket 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2002, on behalf of ICO Global Communications, Craig McCaw and Gerry Salemme met with Chairman Michael Powell and Legal Advisor Bryan Tramont. ICO explained the importance of ATC in ensuring ubiquitous and feature-rich MSS deployment, and emphasized the need for certainty and adequate spectrum resources to enable global MSS systems to proceed with financing and roll-out of their business plans.

ICO noted that rules relating to ancillary MSS terrestrial services should not operate to dictate a specific technology for all licenses, nor freeze MSS licensees' ability to enhance the technology of their mobile end user terminals over the life of their licenses. Rather, the Commission should rely upon market-based incentives to ensure that MSS licensees focus their services primarily on rural and underserved markets

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Suzanne Hutchings  
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